



Iowa Department of Human Services

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4/10/2014

Bridget Abalos
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Dear Bridget,

It was a pleasure to again meet with you and to review Child Development Home Registration rules. You have one thing to fix. My job is to help you come into compliance so if you have any questions while working on things, please feel free to call me or e-mail me. You may also wish to call your CCRR consultant at 866-324-3236. They have the time to work with you on all issues of compliance. They also have programming and resources to assist you in coming into compliance.

Please find your copy of the, Checklist for Child Development Home Registration. I will be referring to the Child Development Home Registration Guidelines (Comm. 143) in this letter. You should receive the site to locate a copy of these at every application/renewal or a post card to return to Des Moines if you prefer to have them mailed to you. If you need additional copies please call the Des Moines office 1-866-448-4605 or e-mail a request at crsacca@dhs.state.ia.us and they will send one to you. I will refer to these as, guidelines, for the rest of this letter. There are some sample forms in the last section of the guidelines, which were created to document the items needed for compliance. Feel free to use these forms for your programming. The guidelines are also on line at: http://www.dhs.state.ia.us/policyanalysis/PolicyManualPages/Manual_Documents/Master/comm143.pdf

This letter is in regards to the compliance check of your Level B, Registered Child Development Home completed on 4/8/14. Iowa Code Chapter 237A and 441 Iowa Administrative Code, Chapter 110, describes specific requirements that must be met by a Registered Child Development Home. The following areas were out of compliance at the time of my visit:

☐ 110.5(1) Conditions in the home are safe, sanitary, and free of hazards. **Provider needs to stop using the cribs that are not certified. She said she would do so that day and purchase new ones or use pack and plays until new ones could be purchased that meet the requirements.**

☒ Based on the items out of compliance listed above, a recheck or follow up visit to your home is not necessary. However, it is essential you provide documentation to the Department that certifies you have corrected each of the identified regulatory violations and are now in complete compliance with all Departmental regulatory mandates.

Please **check mark** each of the boxes listed above when the necessary corrections have been completed. By doing so, you certify that you have completed all of the mandated regulatory requirements contained within each identified section. Please complete the top portion of the letter, sign and date below, and return this form in the provided envelope by: **45 days of receipt**. Please do not hesitate to contact me at DHS at 319 892-6826. if you have any questions regarding this letter.

I certify that I have taken all of the steps necessary to correct each of the identified violations noted above and am now in complete compliance with all of the Departmental mandated regulatory rules.

X _____
Signature Date

Sincerely,

Lisa Wesbrook
Social Worker II

Always Remember:

Child Care Resource and Referral is an excellent resource for providers to access training options and support in your area. They have consultants who can assist you in coming into compliance. You can reach Child Care Resource and Referral at 866-324-3236 or go to the following web site: [http://www.iowaccrr.org/who we are/region 5](http://www.iowaccrr.org/who_we_are/region_5) and click on current training calendar which you will find in the body in red text.

The CCR&R website has a host of information including a document called Q/A. That document is the clarification of many questions and corresponding answers staff has had on the day care rules. This is a fluid document and new questions and answers are being added. I would suggest you review it at least every 6 months. You can find it on the CCR&R website. The exact address for the question and answer document is:

http://www.iowaccrr.org/resources/files/Consultant/CDH%20Question_Answer.pdf

HACAP also has a training newsletter. To obtain that newsletter you can email them. Send your name, address, phone number, e-mail address, and that you are a registered child development home to Ashley at ameincke@hacap.org. You may also call them: Child Care Programs at 319-739-1556 if you have any questions.

As you plan your future trainings to meet your 24 hours of training requirement, please remember that you need to use only DHS approved training and only 12 hours can be by self-study. In addition to the approved 24 hours you will also need valid certificates in CPR, first aid and Mandatory child abuse training at time of renewal. You can access the approved training by going to http://www.dhs.state.ia.us/Consumers/Child_Care/Professional_Development.html and you can sign up for training at <https://ccmis.dhs.state.ia.us/trainingregistry>. This site also has the forms to use to request training approval.

All providers need to maintain compliance with rules set out in Iowa Administrative Code, Chapter 110, which includes: 441 IAC 110.5(1): Check with the appropriate authorities to determine how the following local, state, or federal laws apply to you: • Zoning code • Building code • Fire code • Business license • State and federal income tax • Unemployment insurance • Worker's Compensation • Minimum wage and hour requirements • OSHA • Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

An additional site that you might find helpful is the US Consumer Product Safety Commission recall site. If you go to the site and register your e-mail address the site will automatically send you updates on any products that are on recall. Baby items seem to go on recall often, especially sleeping equipment, pack and plays, car seats and toys. This is a good site to be aware of or to have the automatic updates sent to you. <https://www.cpsc.gov/cpsclist.aspx>

There is a law change I want to make you aware of. There was a rule change effective 6-1-13 You are no longer required to have a land line phone as a registered child development home. If you eliminate your land line phone please e-mail the CCA in Des Moines with a current contact phone number. That e-mail address is: crsacca@dhs.state.ia.us

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Attention Parent and/or Guardian of child attending **Bridget Abalos**
Child Development Home.

The Iowa Department of Human Services requires all childcare providers to maintain an individual file for each child in their care. This file must include the following items:

- 1) Intake information which includes the following: child's name and DOB, parents name, address and phone numbers at home and work; along with documentation of any special needs of child
- 2) Emergency medical authorization signed by the parent,
- 3) Emergency contact information, which includes parents' names and phone numbers, doctors name, address and phone numbers along with name, phone number and relationship of another adult available in case of an emergency
- 4) List completed and signed by the parent on people who can pick up the child including their phone number and relationship to the child
- 5) Immunization certificate
- 6) Yearly statement of health: for school age children it can be signed by the parent. For infants and preschoolers it must be signed by a physician
- 7) A physical:
 - a) For infant and preschoolers: it must be at their initial start of childcare and then annually (the yearly statement of health form above)
 - b) For school age children: it must be, at the minimum, dated at the time of their elementary school enrollment.

If you do not have the above requirements to the Child Development Home the provider has been directed to no longer care for your child until the necessary paperwork has been obtained as they are out of compliance. The provider has given you 30 days to obtain this information. If it is not in their file by the end of the 30 days which is, **5/30/14** they have been directed they should no longer care for your child until it has been obtained. Please feel free to call me if you have questions on this matter.

Lisa Wesbrook (Linn County: last name A-J & Benton and Iowa County) 892-6826 OR
Dale Garlinghouse (Linn County: last names K-Z & Jones County) 892-6803
Day care registration workers